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Encl: (1) 1981 Command History for VC-12  
(2) VC-12 Change of Command Brochure

1. As requested in reference (a), the VC-12 1981 Command History is hereby submitted.

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COMRESTACSUPPWING

## 1981 Command History For VC-12

VC-12 is assigned to the Commander, Reserve Tactical Support Wing (COMRESTACSUPPWING) with the mission to train Naval Reservists for possible mobilization while simultaneously providing aircraft services in support of operational training of Regular and Reserve units of the Navy and other armed services. These aircraft services include: Adversary, Air Combat Maneuvering training, Defensive Combat Maneuvering training, Air Intercept training, Air Search and Fire Control Radar Tracking, various types of aerial target towing and inflight refueling.

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1 JANUARY 1981 - 31 DECEMBER 1981

#### 1981

##### JANUARY

- 10 - CDR R. C. JOHNSON relieved CAPT O. B. POLLOCK as Commanding Officer of VC-12. Rear Admiral F. F. PALMER was the honored speaker.
- 18 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas for seven days to provide defensive combat maneuvering training, services for VF-201/VF-1170, 97.4 hours were flown to accomplish 60 sorties.
- 29 - Provided Two TA-4J to assist training catapult/arresting crews at Lakehurst, New Jersey. 305.2 flight hours were accomplished in January.

##### FEBURARY

- 22 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida for five days to provide defensive combat maneuvering training services for VF-202, 64.3 hours were flown to provide 63 sorties.
- 24 - Two VC-12 pilots were sent to TOPGUN School, Naval Air Station, Miramar, California for twelve days. 322 flight hours were accomplished in Feburary.

##### MARCH

- 13 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas, for two days to provide defensive combat maneuvering training for VF-202, 20.3 hours were flown to accomplish 10 sorties.
- 20 - Two TA-4J Aircraft were deployed to Naval Air Station Dallas, Texas, to provide defensive combat maneuvering training services for VF-1170, 82.7 hours were flown to accomplish 55 sorties. 364.6 flight hours were accomplished during March.

#### APRIL

- 13 - Five TA-4J Aircraft were deployed to Brunswick, Maine to be provided for Photo Derby, 45.6 flight hours were flown.
- 21 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, to provide defensive combat maneuvering training services for VF-202, 14.8 hours were flown to accomplish 10 sorties. 353 flight hours were accomplished during April.

#### MAY

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#### JUNE

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- 17 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tuscon, Arizona International Airport for eight days to provide the 162nd Tactical Fighter School with air combat maneuvering support, 34.3 hours were flown to provide 24 sorties.
- 30 - VC-12 requested an increase in Fiscal Year 1981 flight hour funding. 313 flight hours were accomplished during June.

#### JULY

- 11 - Three TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada for 16 days to support CVWR-20 with orange air and adversary support, 123.6 hours were flown to provide 53 sorties.
- 15 - Four TA-4J Aircraft were deployed to Plattsburgh, New York for six days to provide aerial banner and air combat maneuvering support to the New York Air National Guard, 56 hours were flown to accomplish 48 sorties. 344 flight hours were accomplished during July.

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- 29 - VC-12 received a congratulatory message from Commander, Reserve Tactical Support Wing on the occasion of VC-12's 20,000th accident-free flight hour. VC-12 marked its highest monthly flight hour accomplishment for Fiscal Year 1981 when it flew 444 hours in August.

## SEPTEMBER

Chief of Naval Reserve increased the VC-12 flight hour program for Fiscal Year 1981 as requested in June 1981. VC-12 accomplished 313 flight hours in September.

## OCTOBER

- 4 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Bagotville, Canada for six days to provide air combat maneuvering training and adversary support to the 425 AW(F) Squadron, 53.2 hours were flown to accomplish 35 sorties.
- 25 - Three TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona for six days to provide adversary support to the 405th TIW/461 TIFS, 47.2 hours were flown to accomplish 25 sorties. VC-12 flew a total 328 flight hours in October.

## NOVEMBER

- 7 - During a target dummy unit (TDU) towing operation TA-4J BUNO. 153680 received minor damage to its lower fuselage when the TDU struck the aircraft while being reeled in. 357 flight hours were flown.

## DECEMBER

- 9 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina for four days to provide air combat maneuvering support to VMA 223, 31.2 hours of flight time were utilized to accomplish 27 sorties.
- 10 - TA-4J BUNO. 153680 received minor damage when a target dummy unit (TDU) impacted it at high speed during a reel-in operation. This mishap was caused by a malfunction of the tow line counter and a change was recommended to the A-4/TA-4 Tactical Manual Pocket Guide to provide appropriate emergency procedures. VC-12 flew 214 flight hours in December.